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HO! HO! FOR ROME CITY!



JULY 10th Grace Church goes to this delightful and breezy resort for a day of boating and recreation. Island Park is too well known to be in need of any special advertising. Our people have been there so often that they are familiar with every part of the lake, and islands and adjoining parks. The excursion promises to be a success. The saying goes, "The more the merrier." Let there be "more," who will accompany the church on this trip, for a day of free and easy breathing. One day out of the noise and the sultry heat of the city to this resort of quiet, and of pure and stimulating atmosphere, will be invigorating to any one. We can not all have long summer vacations, going to the mountains, or ocean grove, but we can go and spend a day at Island Park. A day spent at this place may be a day lost in the store or shop, but it may be many days gained for health and cheerfulness of heart, and all this for the very small investment of one dollar for adults, and fifty cents for children of twelve years and under.

The church has given the matter of arranging for the excursion into the hands of the Young People's Society, but it must not be understood that this is to be a young people's excursion. It is to be a Grace Church excursion, including old and young, and especially, also your friends, and every person we can induce to go with our merry crowd.

Now fill your baskets with fried chicken, home-made bread, hard-boiled eggs, red-beet pickles, cherry pies, some of that delicious cake, a brick of ice cream, fresh country butter, strawberry jelly, salt and pepper, and a few cups of coffee. Get to the South depot at 8 a. m. and then take in the day with a happy heart. Leave the counter, the shop and the kitchen at home. This is a rare chance. Be sure to tell your friends of the good time we are going to have, and they will be certain to go with us. You can also go on the afternoon train if you can not go in the morning, and come back at 6 p. m. or midnight. Tickets can be

had of Ed. Miller, D. W. Souder, or the pastor at the parsonage.

SALEM REFORMED CHURCH.

A very pleasant communion service was held with the Salem Reformed church, Sabbath morning June 15th. Services were held on Saturday afternoon and evening previous. The attendance was especially large on Sabbath, and all seemed to enjoy the service. We only regret to see so many of this community still outside of the communion of God's people. May the Lord bring about the speedy conversion of those who do not yet confess Jesus as their Savior.

Five children were consecrated to the Lord in baptism at these services, as follows: Owen Enoch Garman, Warren Oliver Garman, Charlotte May Garman, Edith Etta Garman, Josie Veldie Otto.

After the services on Sabbath a Women's Missionary Society was organized with the following officers: President, Mrs. Milton Myers; Secretary, Miss Allie Reese; Treasurer, Miss Kate Schneider. The society has a very hopeful future before it. It ought to have a membership of fifty or more when a thorough canvass is once made. The ladies all pay monthly dues, and will do a good work financially for the church. The Sunday-school of this church has a good attendance, and we hope shall accomplish much good among the young people and children of this community. The Superintendent should have the encouragement of the parents, more than he has. Fathers and mothers should never feel that they are too old to be in the Sabbath-school with the children. If the members of the church will not be interested in this work, there is little hope for the final success of the Sunday-school.

The pastor is in receipt of a very interesting letter from Mrs. Geo. H. Miller, Seattle, Wash. Mrs. Miller and her mother, Mrs. Baker, are members of Grace Church. They arrived safely at their Western home. They have the kind wishes and prayers of the Church. We shall hope to hear from them often.

The ladies are still soliciting \$5.00 shares for the parsonage lot. If they have not seen you yet, have patience, they will not forget you. They are slow but sure.

WESTERN CHAUTAUQUA.

The Island Park Assembly will open its sessions this season July 30th, and continue to Aug. 13th. Rev. N. B. C. Love, now of Findlay, Ohio, is Superintendent of the Assembly. Rev. Love is a very genial gentleman and has excellent qualifications for this position.

Much of the talent employed for the Assembly this season is of the very best. The programme for the second week especially promises a feast of good things for each day. Thursday, July 31st, will be Young People's Society Day. No doubt many of our young people will want to be at the assembly on this day, especially when they shall learn that Dr. Rondthaler will lecture on this date. The Doctor has many warm friends among the young people of Fort Wayne and throughout Northern Indiana.

August 5th Joseph Cook will deliver his lecture, "Ultimate America." This able and profound platform lecturer is not in need of any special introduction to the people in any section of the United States, "He is known and read of everywhere." August 6th and 7th, Dr. A. A. Willits will be the chief attraction. The subject of his lecture on the first day will be, "Sunshine, the secret of a Happy life," and on the following day, "A plea for Marriage and Home."

August 8th, will be "Grand Army Day." At 11:30 Col. H. H. Gill, ex-Confederate, "A Live Johnny," reconstructed, will speak: Subject "Rebel or Yank—Who was Right?" At 2:30 p. m. of same day Gen. W. H. Gibson, will hold the fort.

Very excellent musical talent has been engaged for the Assembly. It is not possible to make mention of all the talent that has been secured for the coming session. We shall hope that many of our people will avail themselves of the advantages of having both a pleasant and profitable time at Island Park this season. The assembly should be patronized very largely by the people of Northern Indiana. The Grand Rapids Railroad will run special trains and at reduced rates during the assembly. This will be a great convenience to the people of Fort Wayne.

How much of your subscription to the church for this year have you paid? Our treasurer needs money.

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The excursion to Rome City is not a young people's excursion. It is for all, and we hope all will go.

"Dan" came out of the "lion's den" safe and sound, and with a grand victory, and, as far as our observation has gone, without the scratch of a lion's tooth upon him. The Lord does great things for his Daniels. "Dan" is loaded down with the congratulations of his friends all over the county. He is on the managing staff of the VISITOR, but has not been heard from through our columns. The VISITOR, however, joins the multitude in piling up the congratulations, and shall hope to see our brother come out of the final contest gloriously.

The VISITOR also extends its congratulations to Bro. John Beighler in his successful race. He received the first nomination in the convention for Representative. He will receive a very strong support in the coming election and will fill the office with honor to himself and the county. Mr. Beighler and family will move to the city in the near future, when they shall be able to enjoy the full privileges of the church.

The St. Louis Convention of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was a wonderful meeting. Fully eight thousand delegates were present, representing more than eleven thousand local societies. This convention is said to have been, and doubtless was, the largest religious convention ever held in the history of the world. The addresses, as far as we have been able to read them, were of a high order and full of inspiration. Reports indicate that the convention was enthusiastic throughout. The society is not yet ten years old. It is the latest born, the baby of the household of Christian societies. But it is a wonderfully vigorous child. It has already a constituency of nearly 700,000. This society certainly gives promise of becoming a giant. The young man in the church has been a sleeping giant. He is now waking up, and will be a host in himself. What is said of the young man is also true of the young woman. The church has been talking long enough of the young being the hope of the future. This is one of the ruts into which the church has fallen. The young are the present hope of the

church. Give them a place in the front rank and they will make valiant soldiers. During the past year 70,000 souls have been brought into the church through the instrumentality of these young people. The hand of God is in this uprising among the young people.

We see in this movement the happy foreboding of some great victory. This army with banners is marching forth, and will by and by shake the whole continent under the tramp of its feet. "For Christ and the Church" is its motto, and in his name will this army of consecrated heroes triumph.

The tenth annual meeting of this convention will be held in Minneapolis, in June, 1891. The Society of Grace church should have a delegate at this convention.

A NEW ASSEMBLY.

Spring Fountain Park, at Warsaw, is to have an assembly this year. Rev. D. C. Woolpert, former pastor of the Berry street M. E. Church, is President and Superintendent. In the "Special Departments" of instruction, excellent opportunities will be afforded for ministers and lay members for study and information in the various branches of Church work. Rev. Dr. Parkhurst will be instructor in the Minister's Institute. He is well qualified for this position.

The assembly opens Wednesday, July 16, and continues until July 28. From a detailed programme we are able to sketch the following as special attractions of the assembly:

July 17, 11 a. m.—"The Fast Young Man," Rev. J. H. Wilson.

July 18, 11 a. m.—"Fools," Rev. P. S. Heuson, D. D. Dr. Henson will also speak on the following day. Subject, "The Better Half."

July 21, 2 p. m.—"Does Death End All?" Joseph Cook. On the same date at 8 p. m., Dr. Willits will speak on the subject, "Sunshine."

This same entertaining lecturer will also speak on the 23d and 24th.

July 25th, Grand Army Day, 11 a. m. Lecture, Rev. T. W. Brake. 2 p. m. Lecture, "All Along the Lines," Gen. W. H. Gibson. Dr. Parkhurst, Rev. J. De Witt Miller, Rev. J. H. Potts, and others will appear in the lecture course. The Assembly promises to start out with first class talent and will no doubt have a large attendance. Spring Fountain Park is a delightful place for an assembly and convenient of access for Fort Wayne people.

If any of our subscribers fail to receive any issues of the VISITOR, let them inform us promptly, and we will make a second effort to have the paper reach them.

Sabbath morning, June 15th, in the absence of the pastor, the Ladies Missionary Society held a service. The congregation was very much pleased with the meeting. We are glad to know that the church can have a service in case the pastor is absent. In too many churches too much is always depending on the minister. If he is out of the city, the prayer meeting must be dispensed with, and there is a general dearth in the whole work of the church. This should not be so. The prayer meeting should be held, and for the want of a regular preaching service, on Sabbath the church should substitute a service of praise, and Bible-reading, and there should be willing workers in every congregation to take charge of such a service.

The meeting held by the ladies, referred to above, was a very profitable service. Many of the members of the church had never attended any of the society's meetings. Seven new members were enrolled at this meeting. It might be well if the ladies' society would hold their monthly meetings occasionally on Sabbath morning, taking the place of a regular preaching service. In this way the church would become better informed in the work of the society, and imbibe the spirit of missions.

Rev. J. W. Barber, pastor of the Reformed Church at Payne, Ohio, and his wife and babe make a very narrow escape, from being fatally hurt on Sabbath evening, June 1st. They were returning from a service in the country at a late hour in the night, when the horse became frightened and upset the carriage into a ditch, fortunately unloading all without any fatal results, except to the carriage. Mrs. Barber and the child were severely bruised, and it was thought at first, seriously hurt. On Wednesday afternoon, in response to a notice, we went to Payne to baptize the babe, but found them all doing well. The babe was christened, and received the name, "Frankie Caroline." Was born February 21, 1889. In a recent card from Rev. Barber, he says, "We are all well."

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Monn, in Washington township, on Tuesday evening, June 17th, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Edith, to Mr. Frank Pfeiffer. The only guests present were the immediate friends of the bride and groom. Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer will be at home, in the near future, on their farm a few miles north of the city. We wish them a happy and prosperous future.

D. W. Souder is enjoying a visit from his father, who resides at Shelby, O.

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BRIEF NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Excursion to Rome City July 10th.

Mrs. J. Dickerson is visiting her daughter at Chicago.

Have you paid your subscription to the VISITOR for 1890?

Mrs. Miller will soon remove to her new home on Erie street.

Willis Souder is home from Heidelberg University, on his Summer vacation.

Mrs. Mathis and daughter Lilian, and her father and mother, are at Rome City to remain all summer.

Miss Nellie French will soon go to visit friends at Holgate, Ohio. The VISITOR wishes her a pleasant time, and a safe return.

Mrs. Allie Lambert has gone to Chicago to remain for the summer for her health. We hope she may return in due time in the best of health.

The hot weather is on hand. Now for excuses. "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the viles of the devil." Eph. 6:11.

By the 10th of July the wheat harvest will be over. The excursion will just be in season for our country people; they will want a day of rest after wheat-cutting.

The Salem Church, at the Dutch Ridge, held a social Saturday evening, June 21st which netted over \$33. The proceeds were applied on the payment of the bell.

Washington street, in front of the church and parsonage has been in a bad condition for sometime. But we will cheerfully endure this with the assur-

ance that we shall soon have a paved street.

Father Bolender is visiting friends in Michigan.

The choir is furnishing good music for our services. Prof. Joost is doing his best to drill the young people. The choir needs several more male voices.

We are under obligations to Mr. B. L. Auger, the city green-house florist, for the beautiful palms in the church. He has been very kind to leave them with us so long.

Mr. Frank Burnets' have re-moved to the city, and are living on Home Avenue, No. 64. They will now be at our services regularly. Call and see them at their home.

The insurance on the church has been renewed in one of the companies for which our esteemed Brother Conrad Neireiter is agent. If you want to insure your house or household goods, call on him. He always does what is right.

F. D. Paulus is receiving a shipment of buggies from Hamilton, Ohio, which he will sell out at lowest prices. If you want a carriage go and see him on East Columbia street. He will also furnish farmers with all kinds of farm implements.

The deacons will send out notices to all the members of the church, with the first of July, giving a correct statement of their accounts with the church for the first half of the year 1890. Those who are in arrears on their subscriptions will please pay up promptly.

Mrs. John Vordermark was called to Norwalk, Ohio, recently on account of the sickness of their daughter Anna. Anna is improving. We hope she may soon return home fully recovered. Mrs. Vordermark and Anna have both been greatly missed from our services.

Our Church parlors are too small for special occasions, as was demonstrated on the evening of memorial day. Every available nook of the Church was occupied, while multitudes had to be turned away for want of room. Deacon Soliday said the next morning: "This won't do. We must build larger."

The apartments of the parsonage have lately been transformed into somewhat of a flower-garden. The whole house has been for some weeks fragrant with the sweets of lilacs, lilies of the valley, shrubs, forget-me-nots, sweet honey-suckles, roses, etc. The people of Grace Church have become acquainted with the weaknesses of the parsonage residents. We are not at all abashed that our passionate love for flowers may be known, for of all things that grow, we admire the posies, and we shall always find a place for them. Thanks for the pretty bouquets.

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PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

Y. P. S. C. E. for the Month of July.

July 8, Believers, What? Why? Results of Faith." John xvi, 30; Acts ii, 44; 1 Peter 1, 8. Harry Kline.

July 15, "The Only Way, How Can We Lead Our Friends Into It?" John xiv, 1-5; Heb. x, 19-4s. Oscar Miller.

July 22, "The Blessings of Belonging to Church." Rom. xii, 2-3; Heb. x, 24-25. Willis Souder.

July 29, Consecration meeting, Temperance, "He that Overcometh." 1 John v, 4-6; Rom. xvi, 23; Rev. iii, 5, 10, 11, 12, 21. Emma Neireiter.

At the business meeting of the Young Peoples Society, held Tuesday evening, July 1st, officers and chairmen of committees were elected for the ensuing six months. The election resulted as follows: President, Rev. A. K. Zartman; Vice President, Katie Vordermark; Recording Secretary, Eugene Mathis; Corresponding Secretary, Lillie Walters; Treasurer, Minnie Wilkinson; Lookout Com., Emma Neireiter; Prayer Meeting Com., Mollie Buckwalter; Social Com., Ed Miller. At this same meeting there were two applications made for active membership and one for associate membership. The society is still growing, and is not losing any of its enthusiasm.

Would it not be a capital idea to organize an Old People's Society of Christian Endeavor? This might be the solution of the much vexed problem, "How to Make the Regular Prayer-meeting a Success?" For some weeks past the regular prayer-meeting service has had an attendance of about fifteen or twenty, while the young people's meeting had an attendance of from thirty to fifty.

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